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TAGS: PINT, SOCI, SF

SUBJ: SAG DEMOLISHES PORTION OF SQUATTER SETTLEMENT

OUTSIDE DURBAN

1. THE DURBAN PLURAL RELATIONS DEPARTMENT, USING BULLDOZERS AND SELECTED BURNING, DEMOLISHED APPROXIMATELY 200 "ILLEGAL" SQUATTER SHACKS AT THE RICHMOND FARM SETTLEMENT ADJACENT TO THE DURBAN BLACK TOWNSHIP OF KWAMASHU AT THE END OF JULY. DWELLINGS TORN DOWN REPRESENTED A PORTION OF HUNDREDS OF HOMES IN THIS PARTICULAR SETTLEMENT. THEY WERE DESTROYED BECAUSE OF THEIR CONSTRUCTION IN PAST SIX MONTHS, AFTER AN INFORMAL ARRANGEMENT BETWEEN THE LOCAL LIAISON COUNCIL AND PLURAL AFFAIRS PERMITTING EXISTING "ILLEGAL" DWELLINGS IN THE SETTLEMENT TO REMAIN FOR THE TIME BEING BUT FORBIDDING ANY FURTHER CONSTRUCTION IN THE AREA. THE LAND BELONGS TO S.A. BANTU TRUST, NOT KWAZULU, BUT IS TO BE INCORPORATED INTO KWAZULU AT SOME UNSPECIFIED TIME AND IS THEN TO BE THE SITE OF A HOUSING DEVELOPMENT.

2. WHILE FORMAL WARNING OF THE DEMOLITION WAS APPARENTLY GIVEN TO THE OWNERS OF THE DWELLINGS, REPORTEDLY OWNER/LAND-
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LORDS FAILED TO TELL SOME TENANTS, MANY OF WHOM RETURNED FROM WORK TO FIND THEIR HOMES DEMOLISHED AND FURNISHINGS BURNED. ACCORDING TO A LOCAL COUNCILLOR MOST OF THE AFFECTED TENANTS ARE EMPLOYED AND ARE ON WAITING LISTS FOR HOMES. THEY HAD LIVED IN OVERCROWDED CONDITIONS IN "LEGAL" HOMES IN NEARBY TOWNSHIPS BUT HAD CHOSE TO SQUAT ON THIS LAND TO ALLOW THEIR FAMILIES TO JOIN THEM FROM RURAL KWAZULU. MOST OF THE HOME-

LESS REPORTEDLY HAVE SQUEEZED IN WITH NEIGHBORS OR RECONSTRUCTED
SHACKS FROM REMAINS OF THEIR DWELLINGS. A LOCAL COMMITTEE
WILL PURSUE THE MATTER WITH PLURAL ADMINISTRATION BUT IS NOT
HOPEFUL OF DEVISING A SUITABLE SOLUTION.
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